

From: David Meriwether
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/23/02 12:34pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I believe the settlement is too weak, and does little to restrict Microsoft's leveraging of it's OS monopoly onto other markets areas.

What is the purpose of the court's review of the settlement? What is the purpose of the legal proceedings at this point? If it is to ignore the problems leading to the lawsuit and to bury the issue while retaining the veneer of having "solved the problem", perhaps this settlement would come to mind.

If the purpose of the legal action is to restore some possibility of competition in fields threatened by Microsoft's domination of the OS market, I would say that this settlement FAILS. The settlement, with it's peculiar definition of terms seems quite behind the times and focused on the past. The definitions of terms such as API, Middleware, and Windows Operating System are twisted and narrowed to the point of absurdity. Further, as I understand what I have read, the settlement (weak as it is) will be obsolete in little more than a year.

To my understanding, this settlement is so weak and filled with omissions and twists that it is irrelevant to the issues it is intended to address.

Please REJECT the settlement. Thank you for any time you spent reading this.

James Meriwether
500 Bonsall Rd.
Ridley Park, Pa. 19078

Send and receive Hotmail on your mobile device: <http://mobile.msn.com>